

TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair Members, Senate  
Finance Committee  
The Honorable Joanne C. Benson  
FROM: Lisa D. Fisher, LCSW-C

DATE: February 12, 2024

RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 204 - Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Chairperson Beidle and Distinguished Members of the Finance Committee:

Thank you for considering my written statement supporting Senate Bill 204 on the “Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact” for inclusion in the public hearing record. I am Lisa D. Fisher, a Licensed Certified Social Worker- Clinical (LCSW-C) in Maryland and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Virginia. I live in Harford County, Maryland.

The significance of the Social Worker Interstate Licensure Compact resonates with me as a mental health professional due to the movement of clients – moving because of family needs, work relocation, cost of living, and any other meaningful reason to the client. The continuum of care is more critical than an abrupt termination of care. The interstate social work licensure compact will lessen the effects of termination and starting all over again for the client.

The ability to practice across state lines is like a driver’s license. I have a Maryland driver’s license in good standing. I can drive in the United States without limitations and follow each State’s law. It is the same with the interstate social work licensure. I must respect the law and obey the law.

When I was a graduate student, the tier explained to me was psychiatrist, psychologist, and licensed certified/clinical social worker. Whether this is accurate, other healthcare professions allow licensure portability for practitioners such as psychologists and nurses. Let’s allow the licensed, certified clinical social worker to do the same.

Thank you for your time, attention, and support to the Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact.

Respectfully, I am,



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